

*Lowiss* W9ANA CALL WAS MAINLY FROM WAUWATOSA HIGHLANDS. WHEN HE MOVING ABOUT SO MUCH HE "STORED" HIS CALL AT MY QTH TO RETAIN A TOSA ADDRESS.

contact their servicemen overseas. He was an honorary life member of the American Radio Relay League, and a member of the Fayetteville Amateur Radio Club.

He had been one of the earliest licensed radio operators, receiving his license in 1920 at the age of 14, and had known many of the figures making radio history at that time. He was also one of the earliest licensed private airplane pilots, flying his own Curtiss-Wright, and for some time was the only licensed glider pilot in his native state of Wisconsin.

Born in Milwaukee, he graduated in electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, served as an officer several years in the Army Signal Corps, returned to private life to practice his profession in various places and, as World War II came on, was employed by the Army as a civilian instructor of glider pilots at Lamesa Field, Texas. He then entered the Navy, spent most of the war in the Pacific Theater, won a number of decorations and, following separation, continued his service in the Naval Reserve.

During the ensuing years he worked with RCA and other large companies on engineering projects in various states, the Far East and other places. During this time he established his home at Woodland Hills, in the Los Angeles area, from which he later moved to Southern Pines.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Melba Walker Wollaeger; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Murphy of Sanford, Fla.; one son, David P. Wollaeger of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. M.L. Wilcox of Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Constance Butler of Victoria, B.C., Canada; and three grandchildren.

Wednesday, May 30, 1973

## Obituaries

### Cmdr. Wollaeger Dies at Age 67; Funeral Monday

Lt.-Cmdr. Louis Adam Wollaeger, 67, USNR ret., an electrical engineer who served in both the Army and the Navy and worked on professional projects in many lands, died Friday at Womack General Hospital on Fort Bragg after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Monday at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mark Johnson, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

He bought his home at 565 Orchard Road in 1967, in anticipation of retirement three years later, then, while his wife remained here and his son attended Duke University, continued his professional employment, working most of the time with RCA on a government project on Kwajalein, in the Marshall Islands, and flying home for occasional brief visits.

On retirement in 1971 from professional work and also from the Naval Reserve, he settled down here after a lifetime of movement and adventure to devote himself to his hobbies, principally amateur radio. He was a dedicated "ham" with call letters W9ANA which were known worldwide, as he had probed the air waves for years, making contacts in many lands. He had worked in past years with MARS, the Military Amateur Radio Service, helping families

*Jim, W9ANA was Tom Gettelman's older cousin and was the "push" for me and Tom to get our original 1932 calls*